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SUBJECT: KING HUSSEIN ON PRESIDENT CARTER AND

ISRAELI NUCLEAR CAPABILITY

1. IN AN INTERVIEW PUBLISHED BY KUWAIT DAILY AL QABAS (JUNE 23), JORDANIAN KING HUSSEIN REPORTEDLY SAID THAT PRESIDENTS EISENHOWER AND CARTER WERE ALIKE, IN THAT BOTH WERE ABLE TO SAY "NO" TO ISRAEL. REFERRING TO PRESIDENT CARTER, THE KING REPORTEDLY SAID: "HE...IMPRESSED ME TO A GREAT EXTENT WITH HIS SINCERITY, TRUTHFULNESS AND COURAGE, AND HIS INTENTION TO DO THE IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE SAKE OF ESTABLISHING A JUST AND PERMANENT PEACE IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD." THE KING ALSO EXPRESSED "CONFIDENCE THAT HE (CARTER) WILL SAY NO (TO ISRAEL) WITH RESOLUTENESS IF MATTERS DEVELOP IN AN ADVERSE WAY..."

2. AL QABAS ALSO REPORTED KING HUSSEIN AS HAVING EXPRESSED SEVERAL TIMES HIS BELIEF, BUT NOT CERTAINTY, THAT ISRAEL HAS HAD NUCLEAR WEAPONS FOR "A LONG TIME" -- 1973 WAS MENTIONED -- IN RESPONSE TO A UNCLASSIFIED

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REPORTER'S QUESTIONS. REACTING TO THE KING'S OBSERVATIONS ON ISRAELI NUCLEAR CAPABILITY, KUWAITI DAILY AL RAI AL AM (JUNE 25) SUGGESTED THAT IT WAS A MISTAKE FOR THE ARABS NOT TO HAVE BEGUN LONG AGO PREPARATIONS FOR PRODUCING NUCLEAR WEAPONS, AS ISRAEL DID IN "1956," BUT NOTED THAT NON-NUCLEAR FORCES CAN DEFEAT A NUCLEAR POWER (CITING VIETNAM) AND THAT NUCLEAR COMBAT IN "PALESTINE" IN UNTHINKABLE.

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